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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
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1. I am struck by the number of countries in which the standard of living is dropping, not merely through this quarter or this year but on a long-term basis. This trend is by no means a phenomenon of the Third World. While quite a few African countries are in fact de-developing, when measured by standard-of-living criteria so too are the Soviet Union and its East Bloc satellites.

2. It would be fascinating and useful to pull together an OGI-type assessment of global de-development. We would need to define our criteria for inclusion, list those countries which meet our criteria, and emerge with some sense of whether the phenomenon is expanding and if so in which direction. With a good assessment under our belts, we might be able to launch an Estimate that would discuss long-term implications of the trend.

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